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NAVAL DISPERSAL AREA
ILE DE LA SURPRISE, NORTH VIETNAM
2051N 10705E

(SEE NPIC BRIEFING BOARD L-3144 FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION)

1. SIGNIFICANCE:

THIS BRIEFING BOARD DEPICTS THE DEPLOYMENT OF NAVAL CRAFT IN
AN AREA NEAR THE PORT OF HON GAI.

2. LOCATION:

THE NAVAL CRAFT ARE LOCATED AT THE ILE DE LA SURPRISE, 6.5 NM
SOUTH OF HON GAI.

3. BACKGROUND:

THE P-6 MOTOR TORPEDO BOAT HAS AN OVERALL LENGTH OF 83 FEET 08
INCHES AND A 20 FOOT 03 INCH BEAM AT THE WATERLINE. THE MAXIMUM
DRAFT IS 6 FEET 01 INCH. THE MAXIMUM SPEED IN CALM WATER, USING
FOUR SUPERCHARGED DIESELS, IS 43 KNOTS. THE ARMAMENT MAY CONSIST OF
FOUR 25MM (TWIN) MOUNTS, TWO TORPEDOES, AND EIGHT SMALL ASH CAN-TYPE
DEPTH CHARGES. THE BOAT'S COMPLEMENT IS USUALLY TWO OFFICERS AND
TEN ENLISTED MEN.¹

4. MISSION READOUT:

PHOTOGRAPHY [REDACTED] REVEALS ONE CAMOUFLAGED
PROBABLE P-6 PT AND TWO CAMOUFLAGED P-6/SWATOW LOCATED AT UTM
COORDINATES YJ181072, YJ174066, AND YJ177064. THE CRAFT ARE MOORED
AGAINST SMALL KARST ISLANDS IN THE VICINITY OF THE ILE DE LA SURPRISE.

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ONE POL BARGE IS BEACHED ON THE EAST SIDE OF THE ISLAND AT UTM
YJ186064.

5. REMARKS:

THE DEPLOYMENT OF NAVAL CRAFT IN THE ISLAND AREA IS APPARENTLY
DUE TO THE NVNN ASSUMPTION THAT THEY WOULD BE SAFER CAMOUFLAGED AMONG
THE TINY ISLAND THAN TO REMAIN IN THE HAI PHONG AREA FOR ANTI-AIRCRAFT
DEFENSE.

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ALL UTM COORDINATES ARE TAKEN FROM AMS SERIES L7014, SHEET 6450 III.

¹DIA. NAVAL SHIPS OF EASTERN ASIA. AP-1-230-2-3-INT. 01 JULY 1965
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